

**Title: URSULA MORAY WILLIAMS CUP -
Creative Writing Competition**

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Young Timaru writers are once again being offered the chance to exercise their creative writing skills for the Ursula Moray Williams creative writing competition. The Ursula Moray Williams Cup will be awarded for best overall story in any category, and book vouchers donated by the Friends of the Library will be presented to first, second and third place-getters in each category.

When UK children's author Ursula Moray Williams visited Timaru in 1980 she donated the cup for a creative writing competition for South Canterbury children. The Timaru District Library, with the support of the Friends of the Library, is pleased to offer children the chance to enter the 2008 Ursula Moray Williams Creative Writing Competition. The Cup was last won in 2006 by Scott MacLeod of Temuka.

The competition is open to Years 1 – 8 children who live or attend school in the South Canterbury region, or if home-educated, are 5 - 13 years old. There are three categories: Years 1 - 3, Years 4 - 6, and Years 7 - 8. To enter, children must write an original story of no more than 500 words on any topic. Stories will be judged on originality, language skills, characterisation and story construction. Only one entry per person may be submitted.

Entry forms are available at Timaru District Libraries and must be attached to each entry. Entries close on 21 November 2008, and prize-winners will be notified in early December 2008.

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